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The reply brief received 4/5/10 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

The examiner would like to note that the suggested language regarding claim 1 and the existing language of applicant's claim 3 are interpreted in a way where they are distinct from each other, specifically in that the suggested language distinguishes that the forward grip member is formed from a plurality of integrally connected resilient arms, whereas applicant's claim 3 simply states that a plurality of resilient arms is integrally connected with the forward grip member. The suggested language is clearer in stating that the forward grip member itself is one unit formed from integrally connected arms. Furthermore, regarding applicant's argument over the definition of "distal" and "end" the examiner maintains that the terms are broad enough as claimed to be interpreted as in the Examiner's Answer mailed 2/5/10.

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